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We've noticed that there is some confusion regarding MHP enrollment for clients who have a prior authorization (PA) for a transplant.

Clients with a PA for transplant are NOT exempt or carved out from MHP enrollment. However, we have made a special arrangement for them.

When a client has a current PA for a transplant the MHP enrollment is temporarily delayed. The delay is kept in place until the PA is due to end in 30 days. At that point the client will become enrolled in an MHP and the MHP is required to honor the terms of the recent PA (even though it will be expired by then) for 30 days from MHP enrollment. This keeps the client covered should a transplant become imminent and allows time for the MHP to work out their own PA arrangements regarding the transplant.

It's important to note that the PA must specifically be for a transplant. A PA for OOS services for determination regarding a transplant does not fall under this temporary delay. The PA must be specifically for a transplant.

If the person has already had the transplant and has continued with the out-of-state providers for follow-up care, the MHP is expected to maintain established providers as long as the MHP can work out participation (in-network or out-of-network) agreements as needed.

I hope this has helped to clarify this specific topic.